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ARIZONA URGES TAXPAYERS TO E-FILE

Arizona taxpayers who are expecting income tax refunds from the State of Arizona this year are urged to file early and to use the available electronic filing (e-file) services to ensure those refunds are received quickly.

While the Department of Revenue (DOR) is starting the year fully staffed, a potential inability to retain the temporary personnel used to assist with the timely processing of paper filed returns, may delay refunds for paper filed returns after February 15 from 6 to 8 weeks. "Arizona taxpayers who are expecting a refund can receive it in as little as 5 days or less if they E-file and select to use direct deposit." explained DOR Director Gale Garriott.

"Unfortunately, we may not have the resources available to retain the army of temporaries we've always used to speed the processing of paper income tax returns. That's why we are encouraging all Arizona taxpayers to e-file their returns."

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E-file is more accurate and convenient and speeds up the processing of refunds. You also get electronic notification that your return has been accepted. Even taxpayers that aren't expecting a refund can take advantage of the convenience of e-filing. You can e-file the return as soon as it's ready and specify a later payment date up to as late as the filing deadline by choosing the Electronic Funds Withdrawal (direct debit) option. The payment will be transferred from your bank account on the date you choose.

If you use the links from the DOR website the Arizona Free File Alliance (made up of the DOR and cooperating software developers) offers free online federal and state tax return preparation and electronic filing (e-file) services for qualified Arizona taxpayers. You can also e-file through a tax professional, by using packaged software available in stores, or on the Internet. A listing of tax professionals authorized to e-file, approved software products, Internet filing companies and Free File Alliance members is available at www.azdor.gov and click on "Arizona E-file".

"We really don't want taxpayers to have to wait for their refunds so we are encouraging Arizona Taxpayers to take advantage of the services and links offered on our website. E-filing will allow you to get your refund much quicker, and the state saves money by reducing the number of paper returns being handled," concluded Garriott. "It's a win-win proposition for everybody."

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